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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 30, 1952

FIRST DIVISION

Juventus	17	12	5	0	60	19	29
Brighton	18	11	5	2	58	36	27
J.U.S.T.	16	9	5	2	60	27	23
Box Hill	18	9	4	5	50	33	22
Yallourn	17	6	3	8	34	35	15
Prahran	18	6	3	9	37	59	[illegible]
Park Rangers	18	6	2	10	35	46	[illegible]
Footscray City	18	3	5	10	22	47	11
South Yarra	18	2	7	9	19	44	11
Sunshine United	18	3	3	12	24	53	9

Relegated to Second Division, Season 1953: Sunshine United and South Yarra.

Second Division

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Moreland	18	17	0	1	110	23	34
Melb. Hakoah	18	16	0	2	92	29	32
Preston	18	9	1	8	39	36	19
Int. Harvester	18	9	1	8	29	46	19
Sandringham City	18	8	2	8	51	46	18
Sunshine City	18	6	2	10	33	48	14
F.N.D.	18	6	2	10	24	60	14
South Melb. United	18	6	0	12	37	45	12
George Cross	18	6	0	12	24	56	12
Coburg United	18	3	0	15	28	78	6

League completed, promoted to First Division — Moreland and Melbourne Hakoah. Relegated to Third Division — George Cross and Coburg United.

Third Division

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	18	18	0	0	89	8	36
White Eagles	18	11	4	3	54	26	26
Ulsterville	18	11	1	6	57	28	23
Moorabbin City	18	10	3	5	41	24	23
Fairfield	18	11	0	7	43	38	22
Williamstown	18	9	2	7	35	30	20
Melb. University	18	5	3	10	32	57	13
Woodlands	18	3	1	14	10	53	7
Royal Caledonians	18	2	1	15	17	64	5
Olympic	18	1	3	14	13	63	5

League completed, promoted to Second Division — Polonia and White Eagles. Relegated to Fourth Division — Olympic. Withdrawn from League — Royal Caledonians.

Fourth Division

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	19	16	1	2	94	26	33
Dandenong Rovers	19	14	1	4	73	30	29
Frankston	18	12	2	4	81	27	26
Maribyrnong	16	11	1	4	54	33	23
Slavia	17	10	1	6	44	34	21
Apollo	16	9	1	6	37	31	19
Vic. Police	19	7	2	10	31	66	16
Ringwood	19	5	3	11	34	44	13
R.A.A.F.	20	3	1	16	16	53	7
Union Jack	17	3	0	14	18	100	6
Heidelberg	18	2	1	15	17	65	5

Maccabi promoted to Third Division — Season 1953.

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Moreland represents V.A.S.F.A. in Albury

Initiating its policy of sending class teams to country centres, the V.A.S.F.A. has this week end sent Moreland to represent them against a combined Border District Association team at Albury.

B.D.S.F.A. supporters may rest assured that in Moreland they will see one of the best teams in Victoria. Moreland are noted for being able to rise to the big occasion and are unique in that two years ago they won the Dockerty Cup (the State's highest honour), defeating the best teams in Victoria and yet in the same season were relegated to Division Two.

After two seasons of recuperation in Division Two, Moreland have now once again obtained promotion to Division One with the all-time Victorian goal-scoring record of 103 goals for the season.

For the Dockerty Cup, Moreland, after defeating Upper Yarra Dam, met the undefeated Division One champions — Juventus — and forced a draw. In the replay, Moreland, after leading 1-0 at half-time, lost by the odd goal three. In Moreland's ranks are many of Victoria's and Australia's finest players.

PAT CLARKE. Victoria's captain in the victorious Interstate Carnival side this year. Played also for Australia in Western Australia last week.

ERIC HEATH has represented Australia in New Caledonia and Western Australia, as well as Victoria against England and other States.

CAM ROUGH played for Victoria against South Australia.

REG HARDMAN represented Victoria against Yugoslavia and South Australia.

LES GILBERT has twice been chosen for Victoria and twice was carried off due to injuries.

All these and many other fine players will be in action in Albury today.

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

First team to reach the Dockerty Cup semi-final this year is Prahran, who last week reversed the two defeats that Box Hill have inflicted on them in the league and defeated the "Hillbillies" by two goals to nil.

Moorabbin City, whose position in the Third Division is not outstanding, gave Sunshine United (First Division) the fright of their lives at Moorabbin. Extra time was required before the Sunshiners were able to score the deciding goal.

J.U.S.T., Juventus and Polonia all annihilated their opponents to reach the Quarter Finals. The Cup competition is still very open and the chances of at least six clubs can be considered as bright.

Today's game between Polonia and J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park should be a crowd pleaser, although the continual weakening of the Yugoslav side, due to suspension of players, must have had some effect on the team.

At the time of going to press it is not known whether Olympic Park will be available for soccer next week. The Victorian Hockey Association has the ground for two dates and as they very generously have given up one already to the V.A.S.F.A., it is hardly to be expected that they can see their way clear to give up next Saturday also. Should Olympic Park not be available, the first semi-final will be played the following Saturday at Olympic Park — September 20. Should this occur there will be no Soccer News next week owing to circulation difficulties, and the next number will appear on September 20. Should Olympic Park be available next week, Soccer News will appear as usual.

The Australian XI which played Western Australia in Perth last Saturday were very lucky to get away with a win, 2-nil. If further evidence was required, the second game on Monday ended in a draw — 1 all. Western Australia could have won both games but for their poor shooting. In the first game Western Australia forced no fewer than eleven corners to the Australian XI's three. Outstanding in the Australian team was the defence of the backs, Heath (Vic.), O'Malley (S.A.) and centre-half, Clarke (Vic.). Drennan (Vic. left-half) did not play in this game but played well on Monday. Copeland (Vic.) at centre-forward was good in the first half of each game and scored a goal in the first match. He tailed off badly in the second half of both games and was over-shadowed by Adair (W.A. centre-half).

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SNOWS *"for men who care what they wear"*

HOME *and* AWAY

By REX BENSON

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DRENNAN MISSED

Sunshine United sorely missed Drennan (away in West. Australia) in their cup-tie against Moorabbin. At least that is the only excuse one can see for the poor soccer served up by both sides. The Brighton "scout," Duncan McDougall, was obviously not very worried.

REVERSAL OF FORM

One might have been surprised to see Frankston so heavily beaten at Dandenong after their clean win the week before. But so often is it a case of "Saints at home, sinners away." Just before the war Oldham beat Tranmere 4-1, on Christmas Day. In the return match at Tranmere on Boxing Day they conceded 13 goals! Bell scored 9, and missed a penalty.

NO INTEREST

Last Monday's Press carried no reports on the Western Australia v. an Australian XI game at Perth last Saturday. Although four of Victoria's crack players were in the Australian team, the Press evidently regards the game as of no interest.

LONG SHOT

Mention was made last week of John Slade, the Preston Under 17 'keeper, scoring from his own area. This of course was from a clearance and not a goal kick. The opposition, an under 16 team from Charlestown, N.S.W., were on their way to Adelaide and played on a Sunday to break their journey.

COME DOWN

Reg Flewin and Ike Clarke, England's captain and centre-forward respectively in Australia last year, are now playing for Portsmouth Reserve team.

SOCCER IN NEW YORK

The attempt to stage a Scotland-England game at the Yankee Stadium springs from a successful match when Manchester United played Tottenham Hotspur recently in the U.S.A. So good was the soccer that one American sports-writer had the temerity to suggest that England must have been off form when beaten 1-0 by U.S.A. at Rio.

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Letter To The Editor

Sir,—I would like to ask you, through Soccer News, if I could appeal to all persons interested in refereeing, and who reside in this area which comes under the jurisdiction of the Peninsula Soccer Association, to contact me as soon as possible. The P.S.A. is now nearing the end of its first season. Many short-comings have been noted, one of which is the lack of good referees. To try and overcome this, it is our intention to form the Peninsula Soccer Referees Association. Please will all would-be-refs send me your names and addresses and I will arrange a get together.—Yours, etc., K. SHIPLEY, Acting Secretary, P.S.F.A., G.P.O. Box 81, Mornington.

Cobram Soccer Club

Cobram defeated Shepparton Rovers at the Shepparton showgrounds on August 23. In the first half, Ivo Palla scored Cobram's first goal at the end of 10 minutes' play, and Peter Breebourt scored the second goal from a penalty. At 35 minutes, Jim Pardin scored Cobram's third goal, making Cobram 3-0 in the first half.

Shepparton Rovers scored the first goal after 10 minutes in the second term. At 35 minutes, Shepparton scored again. Before the game ended Peter Breebourt scored again for Cobram, and the whistle blew for the final score of Cobram, 4; Shepparton, 2.

The Cobram team played well and made a fast finish. Special mention is due the goalkeeper, Guids Spellire.—G. MUSCARELLA.

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Around the Clubs

BRIGHTON

An exhibition game, Brighton v. Moreland, will be played at Seymour on Sunday, September 14.

Arrangements at present are as follows:— Game will be played on King's Park, Seymour, at approximately 2.45 p.m. Mr. Van Pelt will be guest referee, with two other referees as linesmen. Buses will leave Hurlingham Park, Brighton, at approximately 9.30 a.m., and will pick up city passengers near State Theatre, leaving for Seymour at approximately 10 a.m. Hot water, tea and milk will be provided at Seymour. Puckapunyal brass band will be in attendance.

We cordially invite any person interested to make the trip with us either in their own cars or by our buses in which there are a few seats still vacant. Ring W. R. Jones for reservations — XB 5548.

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday Frankston visited Dandenong in a return League match and were easily defeated by 5 goals to 1. The first half was fairly even, Dandenong opened the scoring and P. Ims scored the equalising goal after his centre had been back-heeled into the net by the goalkeeper.

Once Dandenong scored the second goal early in the second half Frankston fell to pieces and a further three goals were added before the end.

Thanks for a good game, Dandy, and congratulations on a fine win. It's a pity that that mob of supporters round the Frankston goalie couldn't learn a bit more about sportsmanship.

MOORABBIN CITY

Moorabbin entertained Sunshine and a rattling game ensued. Moorabbin surprised Sunshine by their dour play, and took the lead after 23 minutes of play. Half-time, Moorabbin, 1; Sunshine, 0. Sunshine scored 13 minutes after resumption, but Moorabbin took the lead again 10 minutes later. Sunshine equalised shortly after and full time came with the score, two all. This meant extra time, and after 12 minutes Sunshine took the lead for the first time. Moorabbin were unlucky not to equalise, and Sunshine ran out winners of a grand, exciting, but clean game. Kyle, Miller and Hitchens scored for Sunshine and Sanderson and Ryan for Moorabbin. — W. B. RICKERBY, Moorabbin Committee.

Editorial (Contd. from Page 2)

It can easily be seen that the Western Australia team would have been a great asset and crowd-pleaser at the Interstate Carnival in Melbourne last June, and it is to be hoped that Australia Soccer Football Association will take steps to see that Western Australia is represented in future Australian sides.

Referring to a paragraph in "Home and Away," regarding the lack of interest of the Melbourne Press in the Western Australia v. an Australian XI game last Saturday, readers will be amused to know that, despite attempts by Soccer News to obtain news of this game through customary sources in Melbourne, our first knowledge came from our Albury correspondent.

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Border District Association

The Moreland team which is playing in Albury this week-end on behalf of the V.A.S.F.A. against a combined B.D.S.F.A. team is as follows:—

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CLARK SHARP HARDMAN GILBERT L
COBRAM

The team to represent the B.D.S.F.A. is:—

Kraus (Wodonga)
Austrata (Bandiana) Radulovic (Albury City)
Bereza (Wodonga) Krieger (Albury City) Jones (Mt. Beauty)
Cesare (Wodonga) Sushanek (Albury City) Millen (Bandiana) McFadyen (Bandiana) Carson (Bandiana)

Reserves: Austraka (Bandiana), Honess (Albury City), Mik (Albury City), Tolic (Albury City).

Great Soccer Rivals

England first met Scotland in a soccer international in 1872, the game being watched by 4000 spectators. Add on over 130,000 to find the present-day attendance!

Although both sides played with over six forwards, there was no score. Another goalless draw has yet to be played between both teams. Scotland has won most of the matches, and at one time were thought to be unbeaten at home, owing to the famous Hampden Road whi h unnerved the Sassenachs. However, since Lawton headed home a last-minute winner at Glasgow in 1937, Scotland have yet to win a full international there. To balance matters, England have not won against the Invaders at Wembley since 1934!

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Junior Section

Teams to win the various Junior League competitions for season 1952.
Under 19 — Brighton (Winners). Juventus (Runners-up).
Under 17 — Sunshine United (Winners). Runners-up not yet decided.
Under 15 — Brighton (Winners). Runners-up not yet decided.
Under 14 — Coburg (Winners). Sunshine City (Runners-up).

S.S. FAIRFIELD NTH. v. NORTHCOTE HIGH — THURS., AUG. 28

In this friendly, Fairfield started out like giant killers and got the first goal. Positional changes cost them two quick goals in the second half. Young Gillies, Northcote, is a ready-made senior. For Fairfield, Lawson, played well and the right wing—Barber, White and Coomber—had some clever combining moves. Result: 3-1 for Northcote.

DUNKLING SHIELD — SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

The lads met again, but Fairfield could only field a rag-tag team owing to State school holidays claiming their players. To make up a team they had to borrow lads who had never kicked a ball. All honor to these lads who tried hard to meet a smooth Northcote side on impossible terms. Organisers, please note this for future reference: State schools will not be encouraged to enter unless these matches are scheduled to be played on school sports days instead of week-ends. Result: Northcote, 12; Fairfield, 0.

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